

MCADOO FORCES CUSTOM OFFICERS OUT OF SERVICE

Secretary of the Treasury Accepts Resignation of Four Philadelphians

OTHER CHANGES COMING

"New Blood," It Is Declared, Is Necessary for the Good of the Service

A sweeping investigation of the entire customs service, with the likelihood of removals of officers in many posts throughout the country and the introduction of "new blood" into the service, is being put under way by Secretary McAdoo.

This became known yesterday, when the Secretary accepted the resignation of four of the highest officials at the port of Philadelphia, which had been the center of the frauds.

These are Chester W. Hill, collector; Fred P. Rile, surveyor; Fred P. Vincent, appraiser, and Walter T. Herrick, naval officer.

Secretary McAdoo denied that the removal of the officials at Philadelphia was due to any sort of frauds, although it is understood that the fact that the situation there was found to be deplorable, and that business was being conducted in a very unsatisfactory manner. The Secretary declined to make any explanation of this action further than in the following statement:

"The resignations of the collector of customs, the surveyor, the appraiser and the naval officer at the port of Philadelphia have been requested, not because charges have been preferred against them, but because it is deemed essential that the place shall be filled by persons who are in sympathy with the purposes and policies of the administration, and also because it is considered vital in the interest of the public health that new blood shall be brought into the service."

Changes Were Expected.

These four men, like practically all other officials in the customs service

The Democratic administration might naturally expect a stronger sympathy for its cause among the members of its administration. In Democratic appointments, and office seekers have expected that these changes would be reflected in the action of yesterday in the Philadelphia board. It indicates clearly that the situation there is such that the Secretary felt he could not wait until political appointments would be made, but that he had to take events and that a summary removal of all of the responsible officials was necessary for the good of the public service. The "purification" of the Internal Revenue as well as all other departments by the gradual appointment of assistant secretaries, division and bureau chiefs from the Democratic party is a part of the program of the vigorous crusade of "purification," and will clean the dead-wood "off" and without waiting for the routine political appointments.

Although Secretary McAdoo is being assisted in these investigations by James F. Curtis, assistant secretary in charge of customs under the Taft administration, the temporary nature of his position until his successor can be selected, the summary dismissals at Philadelphia and many others that are expected to follow, are a reflection upon the efficiency of the customs service under the last administration. The investigations are being carried back into a period of years in

Mr. McAdoo has discussed the customs service find that he is not at all satisfied with it. Many of the more important policies of the last administration are not at all to his liking.

like, of the Customs Secret Service, show these frauds to be much greater than first supposed, covering a lengthy period in both Boston and New York. The

been disclosed, and the investigations are now being conducted in all of the larger ports to determine whether like practices have been going on there. It is not yet apparent that these frauds have been found in the Philadelphia customs offices.

The fact that these investigations are

administrations is believed to be the prime reason for Secretary McAdoo putting the "gas" on all officials of the entire Treasury Department. Mr. McAdoo indicated yesterday that he has no

which was applied a few days ago, orders having been issued to all Assistant Secretaries, division and bureau chiefs, and collectors and other port officials, prohibiting them from giving out any information of a sensitive nature. This

DELEGATES IN RICHMOND.
Six Hundred Arrive for Fourth An-

Richmond, Va., April 9.—Six hundred delegates to the fourth annual convention of the Young Woman's Christian Association have arrived in Richmond and been assigned to homes.

Miss Jessie Wilson will make an address before the conference, which convenes tomorrow.

The sessions will be held in historic old St. Paul's Church.

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